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APRIL - JUNE 2010 MILK PRODUCTION REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA DOWN FROM LAST QUARTER

There were an estimated 79 million pounds of milk produced in SOUTH CAROLINA during the April-June quarter of 2010, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. This is down 4 percent from the January - March quarter, and down 8 percent from the April-June 2009 quarter. There were 16,500 milk cows on SOUTH CAROLINA farms during April-June 2010, down 500 cows from the previous quarter and down 1,000 cows from the previous year.

UNITED STATES UP 1.7 PERCENT FROM LAST QUARTER

Milk production in the U.S. during the April - June quarter totaled 49.7 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.11 million head, 151,000 head less than the same period last year.